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SUBJECT: GREEK/TURKISH CONVERSATION ON AEGEAN PROBLEMS

1. GREEK PERM REP PAPOULIAS TELEPHONED AMB BENNETT JUST AFTER LUNCH TO SAY FOREIGN MINISTERS BITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL HAD MET TOGETHER FOLLOWING SC MEETING AND THAT MEETING HAD GONE WELL. THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS, WHO WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR STAFFS (PAPOULIAS WAS PRESENT), GREETED EACH OTHER WARMLY AND HAD IMMEDIATELY GOTTEN DOWN TO BUSINESS.

2. ON CAGLAYANGIL'S SUGGESTION, THEY HAD AGREED TO HAVE A FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING TOGETHER IN GENEVA BETWEEN
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SEPTEMBER 10 AND 14. AS CONVERSATION DEVELOPED, THEY

AGREED ON DISIRABILITY OF A SECOND MEETING IN NY WHILE
THE TWO WOULD BE HERE IN CONNECTION WITH UNGAM SEPTEMBER
25 WAS TENTATIVELY SET FOR NY MEETING.

3. THERE WAS DISCUSSION AS TO AGENDA AND BITSIOS
SUGGESTED THEY START WITH CONTINENTAL SHELF. THIS WAS
AGREEABLE TO CAGLAYANGIL. TEZEL SUGGESTED THAT HE AND
CARAYANNIS MIGHT MEET TOGETHER TO PREPARE THE GROUND AT
THEIR LEVEL BEFORE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN GENEVA.
THIS WAS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES, ALTHOUGH DATE AND PLACE
OF THAT MEETING WAS NOT FIXED TODAY.

4. PAPOULIAS REPORTED THAT AT ONE POINT BITSIOS HAD RAISED
THE QUESTION OF "CERTAIN SCHEDULES", HAD SUGGESTED THE
SENSITIVITY OF THE MATTER AND SUGGESTED THAT CHANGES
THERE COULD BE HELPFUL IN THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE FOR
NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO PAPOULIAS, CAGLAYANGIL HAD
GIVEN NO COMMITMENTS BUT HAD RESPONDED "IN AN UNDERSTANDING
WAY".

COMMENT: IT MAY TURN OUT TURKS WILL HAVE A SOMEWHAT
DIFFERENT VERSION OF THE MEETING. GREEKS ARE CLEARLY
DELIGHTED, BOTH WITH THE OUTCOME IN THE SC AND WITH
THIS FIRST CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS.
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